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1. FURTHER DETAILS ON SPECIFIC POINTS REFTEL (A) NOT READILY OBTAINED. ITEMS A THROUGH K REFTEL (A) ARE NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIABLE FORMS OF SUBSIDIES OR GOVERNMENT DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONAL AIRLINES OTHER THAN ALREADY COVERED IN REFTEL (B).

2. WE ARE AWARE THAT THE STATE AIR CARRIER, SERVICIO AEREO DE HONDURAS,S.A. (SAHSA), HAS RECENTLY PURCHASED A 737 FROM BOEING. THIS PURCHASE MADE THROUGH EXPORT-IMPORT BANK FINANCING WHICH REQUIRED GOH GUARANTEE. WE ARE AWARE THAT TRANSPORTES AEREOS NACIONALES (TAN) SOUGHT, BUT WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN, GOH GUARANTEE FOR EXPORT-IMPORT FINANCING FOR PURCHASE OF 737. THIS IS EVIDENCE OF INTERNAL COMPETITION AND FAVORITISM BY GOVERNMENT TOWARD ONE CARRIER. IT IS NOT EVIDENCE OF GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY TO SAHSA.

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NONETHELESS, BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WHICH

EXISTS BETWEEN THE CARRIER SAHSA AND THE GOVERNMENT
THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
IN THE OWNERSHIP OF THE AIRLINE, SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS
TO THE AIRLINE MAY BE GRANTED WHICH ARE NOT A MATTER OF
PUBLIC RECORD OR OTHERWISE KNOWN TO THIS EMBASSY.

3. THE GENERAL CONDITION IS THAT, TO THE BEST OF OUR
KNOWLEDGE, SAPB GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS IS PROVIDING
PREFERENCE TO SAHSA OVER TAN BUT THIS ASSISTANCE TO
SAHSA DOES NOT CONSTITUTE OBSERVABLE SUBSIDIES.

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